

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF THE ACT OF MARCH 29, 1956 (70  
STAT. 58), AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO LAKE  
COUNTY, CALIF., OF THE LOWER LAKE RANCHERIA

JUNE 27, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State  
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. ENGLE, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 11163]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was  
referred the bill (H. R. 11163) to amend section 2 of the act of March  
29, 1956 (70 Stat. 58), authorizing the conveyance to Lake County,  
Calif., of the lower Lake Rancheria, and for other purposes, having  
considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment  
and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

H. R. 11163 would amend the act of March 29, 1956 (70 Stat. 58)  
by deleting erroneous land description and substituting the correct  
description.

The act of March 29, 1956, authorized the Secretary of the Interior  
to sell to Lake County, Calif., at a price equal to its fair market value,  
for the purpose of establishing an airport, a tract of land known as  
the Lower Lake Rancheria, containing 140.46 acres. Excepted from  
the sale was a 41-acre tract described in section 2 of the act. Section  
2 authorized and directed the Secretary of the Interior to issue a  
patent in fee or an unrestricted deed of conveyance to Harry Johnson,  
an Indian, for the 41-acre tract, and described the tract by metes and  
bounds.

The metes and bounds description in section 2 of the act of March  
29, 1956, has been found to be erroneous. H. R. 11163 merely corrects  
these errors.

The favorable report of the Department of the Interior on this  
proposed legislation is set forth below:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington 25, D. C., June 20, 1956.*

HON. CLAIR ENGLE,  
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. ENGLE: Your committee has requested a report on H. R. 11163, a bill to amend section 2 of the act of March 29, 1956 (70 Stat. 58), authorizing the conveyance to Lake County, Calif., of the Lower Lake Rancheria, and for other purposes.

We recommend that the bill be enacted.

The act of March 29, 1956 (70 Stat. 58), authorized the Secretary of the Interior to sell to Lake County, Calif., a tract of land known as the Lower Lake Rancheria, containing 140.46 acres, excepting from said sale a 41-acre tract described in section 2. Section 2 authorized and directed the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee or an unrestricted deed of conveyance to Harry Johnson for the 41-acre tract, and described the tract by metes and bounds.

After the enactment of the act of March 29, 1956, *supra*, it was found that the metes and bounds description of the 41-acre tract was erroneous. H. R. 11163 amends the previous act by deleting the erroneous description and substituting the correct description.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised us that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

WESLEY A. D'EWART,  
*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

Enactment of H. R. 11163 is recommended by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as introduced, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF MARCH 29, 1956 (70 STAT. 58)

That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to sell to the county of Lake, California, for the purpose of establishing an airport, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to real property described as south half northeast quarter, and lot 2, section 34, township 13 north, range 7 west, Mount Diablo meridian, containing 140.46 acres, known as the Lower Lake Rancheria, except for a 41-acre tract described in section 2. The deed shall be made from the Secretary of the Interior to the Lake County Board of Supervisors, and the purchase price shall be the fair market value of such property at the time of sale as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. The proceeds of the sale shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians of California in their 4 per centum judgment fund established under section 6 of the Act of May 18, 1928 (ch. 623, 45 Stat. 601, 603).

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to issue a patent in fee or an unrestricted deed of conveyance to Harry Johnson for the following-described land, to wit: [Beginning at a point on the east line of lot 2, of section 34, township 13 north, range 7 west, Mount Diablo base and meridian, that is north 48 degrees 21 minutes 45.5 seconds west, 2,561.46 feet from the southeast corner of section 34, said township and range; and from said point of beginning running thence north 48 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds west, 1,714.81 feet to a point on the west line of lot 2, of said section 34, that is north 48 degrees 19 minutes 42.2 seconds west, 5,141.47 feet from the southeast corner of said section 34; thence south, along the west line of lot 2 of said section 34 to the meander line of Clear Lake; thence southeasterly, along said meander line of Clear Lake, to the east line of lot 2, said section 34; and thence north, along the east line of lot 2, said section 34, to the point of beginning, containing 41 acres more or less.] *Beginning at a point on the east line of lot 2, section 34, township 13 north, range 7 west, Mount Diablo base and meridian, that is situated south 48 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds east, a distance of 849.39 feet from a point that is north 48 degrees 19 minutes 57 seconds west, a distance of 4,276.27 feet from the southeast corner of said section 34 and from said point of beginning, running thence north along the east line of said lot 2 to the center of said section 34; thence east along the line running east and west through the center of said section 34, a distance of 431.9 feet; thence north 48 degrees 12 minutes west, a distance of 464.5 feet; thence west to the west line of said lot 2; thence south along the west line of said lot 2 to the U. S. meander line of Clear Lake; thence southeasterly along said meander line to the east line of said lot 2; thence north along the east line of said lot 2, to the point of beginning, containing 41 acres, more or less.*



